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Title: Need to provide immediate financial assistance to Kerala distressed due to heavy rains.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): I would like to place before the Government the loss occurred in Kerala due to monsoon calamity from 1st June to 1st July 2013. Almost all the agricultural produce and cash crops were severely affected. Infrastructure facilities such as bridges, roads, electricity have been damaged to a great extent. Scores of persons have died. The preliminary estimated loss comes to about Rs. 500 crores in real terms. Government of Kerala has already submitted a representation for immediate financial assistance to the State. Earlier there was heavy loss due to severe drought in the State. The drought and flood have adversely affected the economic and financial structure of the state. Therefore, I request the Government to take immediate steps to give financial assistance to the State.